

# Family Mediation



Resolve your issues arising from  
relationship or family breakdown  
without going to court

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## Family Mediation - resolve your issues

### What is family mediation?

Family mediation is an alternative private way in which an independent person, known as a mediator, helps separating or divorcing couples learn to communicate better and reach solutions to some or all of their issues relating to separation, divorce, finances, property or children.

### How does it work?

Pengillys' mediators are professionals who are trained and experienced in helping people settle their issues. Our mediators are neutral. They cannot give you legal advice but will help you to look at solutions to resolve your issues and can give you general information about the law and other implications.

Mediation is voluntary and confidential.

Mediation is not marriage guidance.

Typically, both parties will meet with the mediator in several sessions lasting around 90 minutes each. Four to six sessions are usual.

At the end of the process it is usual for you to take your proposals to your solicitor to deal with the legal formalities.

### What can family mediation be used for?

- Options for ending or maintaining the relationship and the consequences of doing so
- With whom the children are to live: what contact they are to have with each parent and any other person such as grandparents: any other matters relating to parenting, for example, arrangements for holidays and what school the children are to go to
- What is to happen to the home and any other property or assets and what maintenance, if any, is to be paid for the children and/or adults
- Similar issues between same-sex couples
- Anything else you want to resolve in connection with any breakdown in relationships
- How to deal with any future changes that become necessary to these arrangements

### What does it cost?

Payment is made at the end of each session. Charges, and how they will be shared, will be dealt with at the first meeting. You are in control so you decide at the end of each session if you would like to carry on with mediation. If you qualify for legal aid then mediation is free.

### Why use mediation?

- It is private
- It is voluntary
- It is usually faster and cheaper than going to court
- You are in charge of the outcome
- It is flexible so you can have tailor-made solutions
- It is an informal process
- Your legal rights are not affected
- You can use mediation at any time; even after court proceedings have started
- It is better for your children if you can work together to make your own arrangements



## Pengillys' Mediation Team:

Pengillys' mediators are all trained solicitors and members of Resolution. They subscribe to the Code of Conduct of the UK College of Family Mediators.



**Chris Lousley – Family Mediator & Senior Partner**

Chris is a qualified family mediator. He heads our family law department specialising in all issues involving children, both private and public law work, very often acting for children and guardians. Chris also deals with inheritance claims, including contested probate matters, as well as the financial consequence of relationship breakdowns. Chris is a member of the Law Society's Children and Family Law Panels.



**Michael Laycock – Family Mediator**

Michael became a full-time family mediator in January 2004, having worked as a specialist family law solicitor for 25 years. Michael qualified as a family mediator in 1996 having been trained by the world-renowned authority Dr John Haynes. Recognised as a mediator by the Legal Services Commission, Michael is able to provide publicly funded mediation and sign certificates for family legal aid. Michael is a full member of the UK College of Family Mediators.



**Jenny Sanders – Family Mediator**

Jenny is a qualified family mediator and also deals with all aspects of family law – children issues, finance and property and injunction work.

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